G. R. S. 58]

Previous references.

~~Police 2/02~~

Pol. 14-01.

Later references.

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Pol 146-15(1964)

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(Police)

Police File No. 2/02.

Serial Nos. 1—64

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1— 6

major **Part B for** February 1904

SUBJECT.

Police arrangements for the Security of Mail Parties between Kolar & Bowringpet.

1. From the A. Resdt. No 4844 dt- 3/4.9.02.
Dy No 2712/1306. Pol 381. Forwards extract from letter No C166 dt — 27.6.02. from the Postmaster G/l Madras. States his inability to concur in the steps advanced by the Mysore Govt, to authorize expedite the despatch of mails from Kolar to Bowringpet by 2 hours.

2. Do. The I. G. of Police No 4229/1365 dt - 19.9.02.
Forwards an extract of para 3 of letter No C16 from the Postmaster General, Madras, regarding etc.

GPB—3,600—21-7-14

from the D.C. Kolar District. C597 dt. 4/10.02

Dy no 3981/J648. Points out the necessity for the alteration in the time of the mail service from Kolar to Bowringpet.

4. Do. the A.A. Resdt. no 6899/J598 dt. 5.11.02.

Requests, for reasons explained, that the Postmaster-General, Madras, may be moved to reconsider the matter, in altering the time of the despatch of mails.

5. From the A.H. Resdt. no 1250 dt. 11.3.03.

Dy no 10137/J2268, pol 1460. Forwards copy of letter no C427 dt. 4.3.03. from the postmaster G. Madras, to the Supdg Post Offices, Bangalore. requesting to carry out certain Changes with effect from 15th march 1903, in the mail despatches from Kolar to Bowringpet.

6 Do. the D.C. Kolar District. no J1453 dt. 18.3.03. Forwards copy of no C427 dt. 4.3.03. cited in the above, for information with reference to his no. 813.

7. From the A.A. Resident no 3305 dt. 16.7.03.

Dy no J89 pol 70. Requests to be informed of the action taken in the matter of the alleged neglect on the part of the Police escort travelling in the mail carts between Kolar & Bowringpet.

Do. the S.G. of Police no 168/J.4802 dt. 20.7.03. Forwards copy of no A.R.2-36/1820 dt. 7.7.03. and. 9 its enclosures, cited in dy. & requests to take necessary action in the matter & the Coonoor of the Police who neglected to escort the mail should be severely noticed.

are suitable and may be approved. 9/7/02

9.7.02

3 Sept 1902 11-7-02

Submitted.

Regarding the suggestion that the mails from Kilau to Baringpet might be arranged so as the despatched 2 hours earlier the T. A. Resident has forwarded an extract from the Post Master General's letter regretting his inability to concur in the suggestion.

Deputy Secy's remarks thereon:

This relates to the correspondence regarding the mail robberies which took place between Kilau & Baringpet.

(Sd) L-A.
6-9-02

Remarks ahead:—

Let me see.

(Sd) P. N. K.
7-9-02

P. T. O.

Submitted with a draft for approval.

SW 11.9.02

Either the ~~claim for compensation~~ claim for compensation has ~~been~~ been rejected or ~~it~~ has not been finally decided. Anyhow the Residency letter is silent on the point.

12.9.02

This was communicated to the District Magistrate, Kolar, who states in reply that the Post Master general is mistaken in thinking that the alteration in the time of the mail service would inconvenience the people of Kolar town that on the other hand the change would be welcomed by the public of the Kolar Town and that it was the people of the Kolar Gold Field (who however have nothing to do with the present arrangement) that were discontented with the alterations in the mail train service that were made with effect from

S. No 18

18th May last.

Subt with a draft letter to Resident asking him to place the matter before the Post Master General for reconsideration.

17/10/02

SW
17-10-02

This draft may be issued, I think.

28/10

To the Deputy

29.10.02

6917
AD29.4.02

Mysore Govt Secrt

~~Office of the Dewan of Mysore.~~

File No. (if any)

Directions.

No., date and purport of receipts to be entered in red, and office note in black ink in order of dates.—To be written only on one side, and inside the line of margin.

Office Note.

Branch – Judicial

Subject — Alleged neglect of Police Constables to escort the mail-cart on the Kolar-Bowringpet Road and the general insecurity of that Road.

Submitted with a draft reply to the

J.A. Resident.

Reply approved

SN
21/8/03.

Re-draft Submitted.

SN
24/8/03

The Dewan

24/8/3

25-8-03

Draft approved and issued

The J.A. Resident has now sent copy of a letter from the Postmaster General of Madras, requesting that arrangements may be made with the Contractor for the carriage of a Police Constable in the Mail Cart and for other

1250
27.8.03

payment of the rent occupied by him.

Draft calling for the views of the Insp. Genl of Police is submitted herewith.

17/11/03 [The suggestion that the Indian mails bear the charge of Police Escort intended solely for the security of the mails, seems rather unreasonable.]

I think it would be the better course for Govt to reply on the very unreasonable nature of the P.M.G's request. Submitted for orders with another draft also.

20/11/3

The Dewan

24/11/03.

14222/24.11.03

The Views of the Inspector General have been received. He states that he agrees with the Supdt & the Dy Comr in thinking that it is inadvisable to send

the Police Constable with the mails in the absence of a responsible Postal officials in charge. He says nothing about the Cost of the Police Escort being borne by us or by the Postal Department

A draft to T. A. R embodying the Inspector General's views and the late Secretary's views is put up for approval or orders -

SN
5/2/04

Submitted to the Dewan with a draft 8/2/04.

15765
8.2.04.

Thanks Ewald

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- [illegible].

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Gl. Pl.

Please see the passages in the
papers - and by Lodge Ltr 13
which shows that it was after
the [redacted] writing of many
that last letter on the 4th
July 1907 that a Miss Curtis
has been deputed to travel
in the Irish Letter from
Mabel to Bowen-Colthurst. The
papers do not show that there
was any publication in his
behalf - the [redacted] Irish
Postal Serfs; but description
that was an [redacted] meeting
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fairly entitled to be -
entrance the arrangement -

Yours

Here the draft
be valid
May 6th as it is the Prince
11/5/14

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE
Regd. No 2712.
10 SEP 1902

J 3061901-2

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From

THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE
HON'BLE THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE

To

Pol: 381

THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

SECTION

FILE No.

SER'AL No.

Dated 3rd September 1902.

Despatched

Received

General No. 4844

No.

Enclosure No.

Forwarding extract from letter No. C. 166 dy 29th ulto: from the Post master General, Madras stating that he is unable to concur in the suggestion advanced by the Mysore Govt: to authorize Expediting the despatch of the mails from Kolar to Bowringpet by two hours gain.

References to be marked.

rdk

MGCPB—2,000-30-7-01.

(16)

Extract of paragraph 3 from letter, No. C-166. dated the 27 August 1902, from the Postmaster General, Madras, to the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

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3. I regret I am unable to concur in the suggestion advanced by the Mysore Government to authorize expediting the despatch of the mails from Kolar to Bowringpet by two hours. That arrangement would inconvenience the public at Kolar who are already discontented at the drawbacks that were incidental to them consequent on the alterations that were made in the mail train

train services for Kolar with effect from the 1st May last

SECTION Police
FILE No. 20-02
SERIAL No. 1

No. 4824 The Residents Office.

Dy No 2712 / J.306 / pl 381. Bangalore, 3.7/4 1902

The foregoing extract is forwarded to the Dewan of Mysore with reference to paragraph 5 of ~~correspondence~~ letter, No. 717-J 68, dated the 15th ult 12 of July 1902 from the Secretary to the Vol. 14-9 Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

E Stein
for First Assistant Resident

AJ 15.

Rec'd 6/9/02 (Judl)
This relates to the correspondence regarding the Mail robberies which took place between Kolar and Bowringpet
6/9/02

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Branch 10/9/02

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7.9.02

To (17)

SECTION Police
FILE No. 2702
[illegible] No. 2

The I. G. of Police.

No. 4229 / J. 365 — 1. Ex.

Date: 19/9/02

Sir,

With reference to para 3 of Govt Proceedings No. 718 / J 69 dated the 15th July 1902, I am directed to forward herewith an extract of para 3 of letter No. C. 166 dated 27th August 1902 from the Post Master General, Madras, to the First Asstt to the Resident in Mysore, regretting his inability to authorise

+ & 3 of Police. 14-07

Typed. 18/9/02

I authorise, for reasons stated, the despatch of mails from Kobe to Bombay by fast two hours earlier

I have &c

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Secretary.

11/9/02
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11/9/02

Copy
18/9/02

Rec'd
18/9/02

1902-03

From

SECTION Police
FILE No. 902
SERIAL No. 3

To W. E. le Clear Esquire
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

To

H. V. Nanjundayya Esqr
Secy: to the Govt: of
Mysore, Gen: Dept:

Dated 4th

Despatched 10th October 1902

No. C. 597

Subject

Pointing out the necessity for the alterations in the time of the Mail Service from Kolar to Bowringpet.

Jml
11.10.02

No C. 597

Enclosers, No.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

KOLAR DISTRICT.

DATED 16 October 1902.

From

F. C, CARR, *Esqr.*

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

To

M. A. Narasimaraya Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

of Mysore, Revenue and

General Departments.

Sir,

With reference to Government Proceedings. No. 4229/1365 dated 19th September 1902 (received with No. 1290/84 of 29th September from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore) communicating Post Master General's views, that for reasons stated, no alteration could be made in the time of the mail Service, from Kolar to Bowringpet; I have the honor to state,

that the Post master General is mistaken in thinking that there would be any inconvenience whatever, to the public of Kolar town, if the mails were despatched from Kolar at 4:30 or 5 P. M, — instead of at 6 P M, as at present.

2. The suggestion was made as it was hoped that the change might conduce to the safety of His Majesty's mails, which have been twice attacked on this road, while running at night.

3. The change would be welcomed by the public of Kolar town which has nothing to do with the Kolar Gold Fields situated 20 miles away.

It was the public on the Gold Fields and not Kolar town who were discontented,

6 at the recent changes in the
Mail Train Services.

4. The changes proposed would
inconvenience no one, and
would be welcomed by all.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

J. C. Carr

De Puty Commissioner
Kolar District

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To

SECTION Police
FILE NO. 2-02
SERIAL NO. 4

The First Asstt to the Resident in Mysore.

No 6899 / J 598

Date: 5/11/02

Sir,

Adverting to your office Endorsement No: 4844 dated the 3rd September 1902, Communicating the views of the Post Master General, Madras in the matter of the early despatch of the mails from Kolar to Bowringpet, I am directed to state at the instance of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar district, that the proposed change of time for despatch of the mail from Kolar Town

at 10 P.M would not at all inconvenience any persons, but would on the other hand be welcomed by the people of the place The people of the Kolar Gold Field seem to be dis-satisfied with the recent alterations in Mail Train service referred to in the Post Master Generals letter. But they have no concern with the despatch of mails from Kolar by road

I am therefore to request that the Post Master General may be kindly moved to re-consider the matter.

I have &c

Secretary

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.
Regd No. 1013
14 MAR 1903
1903.

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From

THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE
HON'BLE THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE,

To Pol: 1460.

THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

SECTION.....

FILE No.....

SERIAL No.....

Dated 11th March 1903

Despatched

Received

General No. 1250.

No.

Enclosure No.

Forwd a copy of letter No C 427 dy 4/3/03 from the Post-master-Genl. Madras, to the Supdt of Post-Offices, Bangalore Dn, requesting to carry out certain changes with effect from the 15th March 1903 regarding the mail despatch from Kolar to Bowringpet &c.

References to be marked.

Pol.

MGCPP.—500—2-12-04.

Refer for info 14/3.

Letter No. C.427, dated 4th March 1903, from the Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Superintendent of Post Offices, Bangalore Division.

With reference to your letter No. 2605, dated the 20th February 1903, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to carry out the following changes with effect from the 15th March 1903:-

(i) The Mail may be despatched from Kolar to Bowringpet at 5.30 p.m.

(ii) The Registration, parcel and Insurance business may be closed at the Kolar Office at 4.30 p.m.

(iii) A letter box may be attached to the Jutka to post late letters at Kolar for clearance at Bowringpet by the m.30 mail guard.

2. The public should be informed of the above changes at once.

SECTION Police
FILE No. 2-02
SERIAL No. 5

No./250 Resident's Office, Bangalore, 11 March 1903.

Dy No 10137 / 2168. pdl 1460. Copy of the foregoing letter is forwarded to the Dewan of Mysore with reference to Mr. Nanjundayya's letter No.6899-j 598, dated the 5th November 1902.

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First Assistant Resident.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Here enter letter No. and date

dated 4th March 1903 from the Post-Master General, Madras to the Superintendent of Post offices, Bangalore Division.

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SECTION Police

FILE No. 2—02

SERIAL No. 6

Copy of the above is forwarded to the Dy Commissioner Kolar District for information, with reference to his letter No. C. 597 dated the 4th October 1902.

By order

Secretary

16/3/03

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16.3.03

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From

THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE
HON'BLE THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE.

To Pol. 70

THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

Dated 16.7.03

SECTION.....

FILE No.....

SERIAL No.....

Despatched

Received

General No. 3305

No.

Enclosure No:

Requesting to be informed of the action taken in the matter of the alleged neglect on the part of the Police escorts travelling in the mail putka between Kolar and Bowringpet:

References to be marked.

Pol.

MGCPB—1,000—5-6-03

Letter No. H.R.2-35/18208, dated the 7th July 1903, from the Post Master General, Madras, to the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 4044, dated the 23rd 7-02, I have the Honour to forward for your information copy of a report No. 373, dated the 4-6-03 from the Superintendent of Post Offices, Bangalore Division to my address, -from which it would appear that the road between Kolar and Bowringpet is still unsafe for the mails. As you are aware, there have already occurred two cases of dacoity of mails on this mail line, one on the 4-7-01 and the other on the 25-5-02. In pursuance of the suggestion made by the Durbar in connection with these two cases, I revised the time table on the line, so that-with effect from the 15th March 1903- the mails for Bowringpet leave Kolar one hour earlier than hithertofore and are timed to reach Bowringpet at 7 P.M. This arrangement, I need hardly add, will certainly have the desired effect, only if the Police Constables concerned are punctual in their attendance, besides being properly equipped. As there is reason to believe that there is slackness in these respects on the part of the local Police, I would request the favour of your addressing the Durbar on the subject.

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P.T.O.

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SECTION Police
FILE No. 2-02
SER'AL No. 7

No. 3305

The Mysore Resident's Office,

Bangalore, 16 July 1903.

Copy of the foregoing letter, with a copy of its enclosure, is forwarded to the Dewan of Mysore for favour of necessary action, with reference to correspondence ending with this office endorsement No.1250, dated the 11th March 1903.

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The Resident will be glad to know at the earliest possible date what action has been taken in the matter of the alleged neglect on the part of the Police escort.

First Assistant Resident.

Enclosure 15

Copy of a communication No. 180 dated 30-5-03, from the Sub Post Master, Bowringpet, to the Superintendent of P.Os, Bangalore Division.

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I humbly beg to report that the mails from Kolar to Bowringpet on the 29th instant had a very narrow and fortunate escape from highway robbery as follows:

The mail guard arrived at my office at 10 P.M. as usual and made the report in person. On enquiring Syed Majid the mail jut driver in detail, he said that the jutka had in the first instance to be detained at a small distance from the Kolar P.O. on account of a Constable not having arrived in time to escort the mails. The Constables in the next two police stages were not also punctual and bore no revolvers with them.

A gang of four or five dacoits having placed themselves at a distance of about 3 miles from Bowringpet were awaiting the arrival of the mail jutka. That this was their main aim is corroborated by the circumstance of another pony transit that had gone to Bowringpet a few minutes in advance of our mail jut, having been closely approached but left unmolested on account of the "meagre aspect of the passengers" seated therein and on account of the same "not being the mail jut", to use the language of the dacoits, an information that transpired between the driver of that transit and that of the mail jut in Hindustani which was overheard by the mail guard. Just a quarter of an hour subsequent to the occurrence

of the corroborating incident referred to above,a bullock cart with three or four men therein from Bowringpet to Kolar went to that spot where all of them were beaten and one seriously wounded, a circumstance that can show that the gang were dacoits but no ordinary men.

At the same time two constables from Bowringpet were proceeding towards the direction one of whom stationed himself at a distance of 2 miles from Bowringpet and the other went further on to escort the mails, as their duties are such as to do so daily.The latter when he approached the spot of the occurrence of the incident connected with the bullock cart,having been made aware of it returned towards the former to take his help. The mail jutka had in the meantime crossed the stage and arrived safe at the mail bank.I have at once informed the Postmaster Kolar about this,so that he might make a report to the Police for purposes of securing future safety. I request your honour will kindly bring the matter to the notice of the Superintendent of Police so that he may order the escorting police to be more watchful and punctual with their revolvers loaded and with spare ammunition.

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No. 373 dated the 4th June 1903.

Copy forwarded to the Postmaster General, Madras, for information. The attention of the District Superintendent of Police has been drawn to the conduct of the Police escorts travelling without their required ammunition in the mail jutka.

Sd/- H.F.Hebberd
Suptt of P.Os: Bangalore Division.

Copy.
Registrar,Resident's Office.

Urgent 17

~~Office Draft.~~ (Docket.)

Mysore ~~Dewan's Office~~, Smh Scott.
Just. Branch.

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To

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Date of passing the draft
Date of despatch 20—7—03

SECTION Police
FILE No. 2-02
SER'AL No. 8

Regd. No. 168
File No. & date (if any) J. & J. 2-02-03.
No. of Encls. one

Rd 6 Decr
6/7/03

Has the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No. H.R. 2-35/18208 dated the 7th July 1903 and of its enclosure from the Post Master General, Madras, to the First Asstt to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, reporting on the neglect of the Police Constables to escort the mail-cart on the K.G.F. Bowringpet road on the 29th May 1903

1903 and the general insecurity of the road in question and to request the Inspector General of Police to take necessary action at once and submit a detailed report of the facts of the case and of the precautionary measures taken by him in the matter.

2. The Conduct of the Police who neglected to escort the mails should be ~~seriously~~ severely noticed

B.O. 17.7.03

17.VII.03

Secretary 16.7.03

SW 14.7.03

Copd: 18/7

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FROM
The Inspector General of Police
Ni olupe ne.

To
The Secretary to the Govt
of Nyasa

Dated General Revenue Office

Despatched 17/19 August 1918

Received

SECTION Police

FILE No. 2-02

SER'AL No. 9

General No. 1063/67
No.

Enclosure No. 4

Submitting the Miscellaneous correspondence from the Deputy Commissioner Kota Kota regarding the measures adopted for the prevention of mail dacoities on the Kota Kota Blantyre Road.

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Office of the
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Dated Bangalore, 17th August 1903.

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SECTION Police
FILE No. 2-02
SERIAL No. 6

From,

C. Madiah Esquire, Rāo Bahadur,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To,

H. V. Nanjundayya Esquire, M.A.M.L,
Secretary to the Government of H. H.
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Department

Sir,

With reference to your letter
No 168 / I74 of 02/03 forwarding copy of letter
No. H-R-2-35 / 18,208 dated 7th ultimo and
of its enclosure from the Post Master

No: 758 dated 6th August from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, to this office
No 87 dated 4th July 1903 from the C/ Superintendent of Police, Kolar to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.
Field to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar. 7042 dated 11/12/1902 from DC - DC. Encl: nil

Master General, Madras to the First Assistant
to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore
reporting on the neglect of the Police
Constables to escort the Mail cart on
the Kolar-Bowringpete road on the 29th
May, 1903 and the general insecurity
of the road in question, and requesting
the submission of a detailed report in
the matter and on the precautionary
measures taken to secure the safety of
the road and to take severe notice
of the conduct of the Police who neg-
lected to escort the mails, I have
the honor to forward herewith copies
of the marginally noted correspondence
and to state that the Dacoits who
attacked the jutka in the instance

instance now under reference have
been arrested and are undergoing
trial and that the reorganization
of the Bowringpete Police has brought
with it some smart officers and men
who will be able to check occurrences
of this nature in future and to exer-
cise a vigilant watch over the clever
Korachers who molest the road
The Superintendent of Police brings
to notice that some inconvenience is
experienced by the Police Constable
escorting the Jutka as objection is
raised by the Jutka-driver on the score
of want of accommodation.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

Inspector General of Police

Compiling

Encl to 8/9 1903 04

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From

J. C. Carr Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

To C. Madiah Esqre Rao Bahadur
Inspector General of Police
in Mysore

Dated 6th August 1903.

Despatched 8th

Received

General No. 758
No. 613

Enclosure No. 2

Sir,

With reference to your dockets Nos: 638/29 and 659/31 dated 25th and 28th July 1903 respectively, requesting to be informed of the arrangements made to ensure the safety of the Bowringpet-Kolar road, and asking that the conduct of the Police who neglected to escort the Mail should be severely notice

I have the honor to forward herewith for favor of information copies of letters Nos: 37 and 42 dated 30th ultimo and 4 instant respectively received from Mr: Thomas, District-Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, from which you will kindly observe that Mr: Thomas is giving the matter his personal attention, and is taking effective steps to break up gradually the Korchar Gang which is said to be at the bottom of the mischief. In the reorganization of the Bowringpet Police which has been lately effected, some smart officers and men have been employed, and it is hoped that this measure will have the desired effect

2nd Mr: Thomas says that it is untrue that the Police neglected to escort the Mail, and that there is not a single instance of any complaint of neglect in this respect having been made to him during the past year.

I have etc,

/ Signed / F. C. Carr.

Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

Copy

[signature]

Inspector General of Police

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Office of the District Superintendent of Police.

Kolar Gold-Fields

No: 37/Encl

Dated, Champion Reefs, 30th July 1903.

From,

P. B. Thomas Esquire

District Superintendent of Police

Kolar Gold Fields.

To,

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,

Deputy Commissioner.

Kolar District.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement on letter of the Inspector General concerning the safety of the Bowringpet road, and calling for a report on the robbery on two Brahmin Vakils, I have the honor to state, that I have been to Bowringpet, and made further enquiries.

I am of opinion that this robbery was committed by the remainder of the Korchar gang which the Police recently broke up. Two of these Korchars are under arrest for the last dacoity on the road, and the evidence against-

against them is clear. Seven more of the gang (captured in Boriki) have just been given 2 years rigorous imprisonment, each for house breaking. I have information that 7 or 8 others are still at large, and are on their way back to Kuppam. I am trying to trace these men now.

I enclose a copy of the letter to the Postal Superintendent concerning the road for your information

Nothing more can be done to render the road safe than is being done now. It would be of no use to increase the number of Rokads and the only thing to do is, to go on working at the Korchar gang which is at the bottom of the mischief. These dacoities have been going on for very many years, and I have no doubt that the same gang has been at the bottom of all of them.

I believe that we have broken the gang up, and if we are further

successful

successful, the road will become safer, but this will be a matter of time.

The reorganization of the Bowringpet Police, will probably have a good effect. We have now got some smart officers and men there, who are a great improvement on the old staff.

This road was in former years patrolled throughout its length by mounted Sowars — a return to this measure might have a good effect — but I have already stated my opinion that the only thing which will have any radical effect is the further tracing of the particular gang I have mentioned.

I have etc.,

/Signed/ Percy B. Thomas
Dt: Supt: of Police
Kolar Gold Fields

Copy"
/Signed/ F. C. Carr
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District
7. 8. 1903.

"Copy"
Inspector General of Police

Enclosure 1903 29

From

P. B Thomas Esquire

Dist: Superintendent of Police

Kolar Gold Fields.

To

J. E C. Carr Esquire

Deputy Commissioner

Kolar

Dated 4th

Despatched August 1903

Received

General No. 42

No.

Enclosure No.

Sir

With reference to the enclosed Inspector General's Memo No: 659/31 dated 29.7.03 requesting that the conduct of the Police who neglected to escort the Mail should be severely noticed etc, I have the honor to state that I have already forwarded a full report (my letter no: 37 dated 30.7.03,

It is absolutely untrue that the Police neglected to escort the Mail.

There is not a single instance of any Complaint of neglect in this respect having been made to me during the past year.

I have etc.,
/Sgnd./ P. B. Thomas
Dt. Supt. of Police
Kolar Gold Fields.

Copy
/Sgnd/ F. C. Carr
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.
8. 1903

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Inspector General of Police

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Office of the ~~District~~ Superintendent of Police

Kolar Gold Fields

Dated Champion Reefs 30 July 1903.

From

P. B. Thomas Esquire,

Dist: Supt: of Police

Kolar Gold Fields.

To The Superintendent of Post Offices

Bangalore Division.

Sir

In reply to your Communication No: 2412, forwarding a report from the Sub-Post Master Bowringpet, and asking what steps have been taken to safe-guard the mail, I have the honor to state, that the Police have displayed no "laxity" and that your statement that the Police in the Mail Jutka do not travel with loaded guns or revolvers is not correct. I issued very strict orders that a Constable with a loaded rifle was to accompany the mail jutka. My Division Inspector has reported to me that this is

invariably

invariably done, and I have not had any complaints from any of the postal authorities that it is not being done. I have lately substituted a breach loading rifle for the muzzle loading one formerly in use.

The road is protected by Police Outposts at very frequent intervals, and it is impossible to further safeguard it. The individuals who attacked the gutka in the matter now under reference were arrested and are now under trial.

In this connection, I have the honor to state that I consider that the management of the Mail transit between Kolar and Bowringpet is most unsatisfactory. The Mails are entrusted to a common gutka driver who is not a servant of Government, and he is allowed to take passengers of any description with him. It would be quite possible for him to take

actual.

actual dacoits as passengers, and it is a marvel that this has never yet occurred.

It frequently happens not only on this road but also on the Hosur - Malur road that the jutka driver objects to the Police Constable getting into the jutka, because he takes up the room of a passenger, and cases have been reported to me in which the jutka has been too full of passengers for the Police Constable to proceed in it.

The men who drive these jutkas are of a very different class, and it is extremely probable that they are implicated in these attacks. They will do nothing to assist the police, and are constantly quarrelling on the subject of passengers etc.,.

I recently ordered that the Police escort should return from Bowringpet towards Kolar in the Mail jutka this being necessary in order to get the rifle which accompanies the night mail from

Kolar

Kolar, back to Kolar again. The jutka drivers have however flatly refused to allow this Police escort to travel in the jutka on the return journey at all.

The Police are doing their best to Safe-guard the road, and I consider that something ought to be done to improve the Mail Service! There should certainly be a Post Office employee in charge of the Mail bags, and the carrying of passengers in the Mail jutka should not be permitted at all The jutka should also be provided with lamps which is not the case at present

I have etc.

/ Signed / P. B. Thomas
Dist: Supt: of Police
Kolarfold Fields

copy
/ Signed / F. C. Carr
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

7. 8. 1903.

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Confg Inspector General of Police

Office Draft. (Letter.)

Mysore Government,
General & Revenue Secretariat,
Judl. Branch.

SECTION. Police

FILE No. 2-02

SERIAL No. 10.

To

The J. A. Resident in Mysore

Date of passing the draft 28 August 1903.
Date of despatch

Regd. No. J 546 D 2/9/03
File No. & date (if any) — J. 74 of 02-03.

No. of Encls. one

Sir,

In reply to your endorsement No. 3305 dated the 16th July 1903, forwarding a copy of letter No. H. R. 2. 35 / 18208 dated the 7th idem, from the Post Master General, Madras and of its enclosure, in regard to the alleged neglect of the local Police to escort the mail-cart on the Kolar-Bowringpet road on the 29th May 1903 and the general insecurity

vicinity of the road in question,
I am directed to forward herewith
a copy of a letter addressed by
the Superintendent of Police, Kolar
Gold Fields to the Superintendent
of Post offices, Bangalore Division,
furnishing full information in
the matter. Mr Thomas, it will
be seen, denies the allegation that
the Police neglected to escort the
mail-cart and states that there
is not a single instance ~~and~~
~~states that there is not a single~~
~~instance~~ of any complaint in
this respect having been made
to him during the past year.
He, ~~however~~ also brings to notice
that some inconvenience is ex-
perienced by the Police Constables
escorting the Jatka, as objection
is raised by the driver to give them
a seat in the ~~first~~ carriage on the score

of want of accommodation

2. It is believed that there is a single gang of Kurachans at the bottom of the dacoities that have occurred in the locality in the past. Mr Thomas, who is giving the matter his personal attention, is taking effective steps to gradually break up the gang. The following is an extract from Mr Thomas' report :—

"Two of these Kurachans are under arrest for the last dacoity on the road and the evidence against them is clear. Seven more of the gang (captured in Benki) have just been given two years' rigorous imprisonment each for house-breaking. I have information that 7 or 8 others are still at large, and

and are on their way back to Kuppam - I am trying to trace these men now.

believe that we have broken the gang up, and if we are further successful the road will become safer; but this will be a matter of time."

3. It may be added that as a consequence of the recent reorganization of the Bowringpet Town Police, the Police Superintendent has now at his disposal some smart officers and men, who will be able to check occurrences of this nature in future and to exercise a vigilant watch over the Korachars and other suspicious characters who

generally molest this road.

I have the

Secretary.

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From

THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE
HON'BLE THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE.

To

THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

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Dated } 11. 11. 03
Despatched }
Received

SECTION———

FILE No. ———

SERIAL No.———

General No. 5521.
No.

Enclosure No.

Requesting to be informed of the views of the Durbar in the matter of arranging with the contractor on payment, for a Police Constable to accompany the mail in the jutka from Bowringpet to Kolar

References to be marked.

MGCPB—1,000—5-6-03

Referenced for 4 1/2.

16.11.03

Letter No. H.R.2-25/409/6, dated 4th November 1903, from the Postmaster-General, Madras, to the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Referring to your communication No.4323 dated 9-9-03, forwarding a letter from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, pointing out certain defects in the Mail Cart Service between Bowringpet and Kolar, I have the honour to state that instructions have since been issued to the Divisional Superintendent of Post Offices, to inspect the line from time to time, in view to have such servants as are untrustworthy removed from the Contractor's service and to see that the mail cart is provided with suitable lamps.

2. I may mention, however, that, under the terms of the existing contract, it is not possible for this Department to arrange for a Postal official to accompany the Mails as a regular daily arrangement or to prevent the contractor from taking other passengers along with the Mails.

3. I also find that this Department cannot insist on the contractor carrying a Police Constable in the Mail Jutka free of the passenger fare to which he is fairly entitled. As the Police are, in my opinion, responsible for the safety of the road and as the escort for the mails has been ordered by tha Department, I request the favour of your moving the Mysore

Durbar

Durbar in view to their arranging with the Mail Contractor for the carriage of a Police Constable in the Jutka and for the payment for the seat occupied by him.

SECTION Police ----------oOo----------

FILE No. 2-01

SUB-SECTION 11

The Mysore Resident's Office,

Bangalore, 11th November 1903.

Pol: No 746 d 14-11-03.

J 760.

Copy of the foregoing letter is forwarded to the Dewan of Mysore with reference to Mr. Anantasami Rao's letter No. J 546, dated the 2nd September 1903, with the request that the Resident may be informed of the views of the Durbar in this matter.

First Assistant Resident.

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12.11.03

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(Here enter
Letter No H.R. 2-25/4 59/6
dated 4th November
1903 from the Post
master General,
Madras to the F. A
Resident)

SECTION Police
FILE No. 2-01.
SERIAL No. 12.

677 27.11.03

Copy of the foregoing letter is forwarded to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore with reference to his letter No 1063/67 Dated 17th August 1903 with the request that he will be so good as to furnish Govt with his views in the matter in order that necessary communication with the Board of the Superintendent of Police. By order

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Secretary

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17.11.03

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From The Resident & Chief Secretary to Government in Mysore

To The Secretary to Government of Mysore in G. & Q. Deptt.

SECTION———

No.———

No.———

Dated

Dispatched 2 - 2 - 1898

Received

General No. — 4522/275

Enclosure No. 2

Stating that the Inspector General of Prisons agrees with the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner & considers it inadvisable to send a Prisoner constable with mails in charge of a responsable local official in charge.

Central Jail Press, Bangalore.—21-9-98.—49,30

Office of the Inspector General of Police
in Mysore

No. 4572
275

Dated Bangalore, 29th. Jan. 1904.

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SECTION Police
FILE No. 2—02
SERIAL No. 13

From

Rao Bahadur C.Madiah Esquire
Inspector General of Police.

To

H.V.Nanjundayya Esquire M.A.; M.L.
Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments

Sir,

With reference to your No. 1077/J of the 27th. Nov. 1903 calling for my views in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, on the proposal of the Post Master General Madras, in the matter of arranging with the Mail Contractor to seat a Police Constable in the Jutka between Kolar and Bowringpet on payment of the usual fare, and in continuation of this Office letter No. 3879/234 of the 2nd. Jan. 1904, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of letters Nos. C.737 of the 21st. Jan. 1904 and 252 of the 15th. Idem, from the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police of the Kolar Gold Fields respectively, stating that it is opposed to all reason that large and important mails should at any stage of their trnsit be under

the custody of no postal official at all, and that in case a postal peon is sent in charge of the mails a constable may be deputed to serve only as an escort. I agree with the Deputy Commissioner and consider it inadvisable to send a Police constable with the mails in the absence of a responsible postal official in charge. I therefore request, that you will be so good as to move the Government to address the Post Master General Madras, in the matter.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

your most obedient servant

E Armstrong

Inspector General of Police .

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Enclosure 48

No:C.7? Dated 22nd January 1904.

From,

F.E.C.Carr, Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

To,

C.Madiah, Esquire, Rao Bahadur,
Inspector General of Police,
in Mysore. Bangalore.

Sir,

In reply to your No:3364/156 dated the 8th December 1903, and subsequent reminders, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of letter No:252 dated the 13th instant from the District Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, and to state that I concur with Mr: Thomas in thinking that a post-peon should be in charge of the Mails, with a constable to assist this constable being in no way responsible for the Mails, but merely going with them as an Escort.

I have &&

(Signed) F.C.Carr.
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

" Copy "

For Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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Office of the
District Superintendent of Police,
Kolar Gold Field.
Dated Champian Reef, 13th Jan. 1904.

No: 252.

From,

P. B. Thomas Esqr;
District Superintendent of Police Kolar Gold Field.

To,

C. Madiah Esqr, Rao Bahadur
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
thro: Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.

Sir,

In reply to the Inspector General's letters Nos: 3859/120 and 3364/156, I have the honor to report that my views on thesubject of the escort of mails are as follows:-

As I have frequently stated before, I consider that the system of sending the mail by jutka, in the Sole charge of a jutka driver, not being a responsible servant of Government, is both wrong and dangerous. The jutka driver is allowed to take passengers in the mail jutka, and there is nothing whatever to prevent dangerous characters travelling as passengers and making an organized raid on the mails at any time.

It is now sought to throw the whole responsibility on thePolice by paying the jutka hire of one policeman as a passenger in the jutka. This would not prevent the Jutka being used by other passengers of whom there would almost always be two, besides the Police officer.- In the case of an organized raid, thejutka driver would be of no assistance whatever to thePolice Officer, as has been frequently proved before, and it is not at all unlikely, considering the class of local jutka drivers, that thedriver himself would be a party to the raid. Under such circumstances what would the constable be able to do?

As matters stand at ~~the~~present a Police constable does travel in thejutka. There have been frequent cases, in which he has been refused room in the jutka, because he takes the place of a paying passenger - and I presume that the suggestion that his fare

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should be paid is made to overcome the above difficulty/

I should object strongly to this being done because as stated above the Police would be made wholly responsible for the mails thereby and this responsibility is not their duty. Under such a system the Police would probably be held to blame if any tampering with the mail bags had occurred in the Post Offices/ elsewhere or in the case of bags or parcels being lost &/ and this is no part of their duties.

The mails ought to be in the charge of of a responsible postal Official and the present system is unsatisfactory and dangerous, because the mails are under no body's charge except that of an irresponsible and very likely criminal Jutka driver.

I contend that the Post Office anthorities ought to send a responsible peon in every Jutka who would be responsible for the receipt and delivery of the mail. A policeman cannot also travel in the Jutka and this would leave room for one passenger whose presence under this arrangement would not be so objectionable

The cost of this would not be larger, and it is surely opposed to all reason that large and important mails should at any stage of their transit be under the custody of no Postal Official at all.

I have &

(sd) P.B.Thomas

Dt: Supdt of Police ,

Kolar Gold Fields.

"copy"

d) F.C.Carr.

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

" Copy "

for Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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Office Draft. (Letter.)

Mysore Government,
General & Revenue Secretariat,
Police Branch.

To

First Assistant to the
Resident in Mysore.

SECTION Police
FILE No. 202
SERIAL No. 14

Date of passing the draft 13th February 1904.
Date of despatch

Regd. No. 1634
File No. & date (if any) J. 749 02-03

No. of Encls.

Sir,

In reply to your endorsement No. 5521 dated the 11th November 1903, forwarding a Copy of letter No. H. R. 2-25/409/6 dated the 4th idem from the Post Master General, Madras, I am directed to state that the suggestion made by the Post Master General in para 3 of his letter, that the Sumbar should bear the charge of Carriage of the Police escort, which is intended primarily

for the security of the "mails does not appear to the Durban to be a reasonable one. ~~and that then therefore~~ it would be unable to accede to it~~.~~ If the Postal Carts and Postal runners are entitled to and receive the same amount of Police protection as others who lawfully use the roads in the State If the Postal Department wants extraordinary precautions to be taken in its behalf, it is nothing but fair that it should be prepared to pay the extra cost involved thereby.

2. It is observed, at the same time that a Police Constable does travel in the mail cart between Tilan and Boomingpet on occasions in which he is refused room therein as will be seen from the Tilan Gold Fields Police Superintendent's letter No. 252 dated the 13th January 1904 (a

Asst Secretary's remark —
This may be omitted, I think

We may keep this portion as of good reasons for our opinion. HL

I do not quite understand the meaning of the last sentence. The words are presumably "Asst Secretary's" and they need both and comment upon what does mean.

Please note the above HL 11/2

Ellen - M
12-2-04

Copy of which is herewith enclosed.

At present no Postal official travels in the jutka, and the mail is left under the sole charge of the jutka driver who, it is believed, is not a responsible servant of ~~that~~ Department. The Durbar ~~have~~ the Police Superintendent ~~have~~, ~~in~~ Considering ~~that this arrange~~ -ment is both wrong in principle and dangerous to the safety of the mails and is calculated to throw on the Constable the entire responsibility for condition of the mail bags. In these circumstances I am to request that the suggestion may be made to the Post Master General that some responsible Postal official be

honored more attention to the observations which seem to deserve consideration

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Issued 11/12/04

invariably sent to in charge of the mails a police constable being also, if desired, sent with him in the district, but at the ~~actual~~ cost of the Postal Department.

I have etc

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Offg Secretary.

No. 1635 8/3/1924.

Copy forwarded to the I.G. of Police for information with reference to his letter No. 4522/275 dated the 2nd February 1924

B—o

H.

Offg Secy

8/3/24

9. From the I. G. of Police No 1068 dt. 12/19. 9. 03.
Dy No 951. Submits copies of correspondence from the Dy Commr, Kolar, regarding the measures adopted for the prevention of mail dacoity on the Kolar Bowringpet road.

10. To. the J. A. Resident. J. 576/J.J.4-02. dt. 28-8-03.
Forwards copies of the above and informs that until the new police arrangements such occurrences, in fu will be checked.

From — do — 5521 dt. 11. 11
Dy No J 760 pd 746. Forwards copy of letter No H. 2. C-95/609/03. 4. 11. from the Postmaster General Madras, to the J. A Resi in Mysore, requesting to be informed of the views of the Durbars in the matter of arranging with the contractors on payment, for a Police Constable to accompany the mail in the jutkas from Bowringpet to Kolar.

12. To. the I. G. of Police No 1077/J dt. 29. 11. 03.
Forwards copy of the above & requests to furnish Govt with his views in the matter.

13. From the I. G. of Police No 4522/275 dt. 2. 2. 04.
Dy No 182. Submits copies of correspondence between himself & the D. C. Kolar, and submits his views as called for above

To. the J. A. Resident No 1634/J.J. 4-02. dt. 13. 2. 04.
States that the Postal Department should be prepared to pay for the services of any extra constable required for the security of the mail jutkas.

To. the I. G. of Police No J 1635 dt. ~~13-04~~ 13. 2. 04
Forwards copy of the above for information.